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★ NOTE: Because of fast-approaching response deadline dates in some of the following news stories, this is an early issue.

## PLANNING FOR FY86 LSCA GRANT FUNDS

The Montana Library Services Advisory Council is inviting people to make suggestions on the needs, priorities, and program ideas to implement in the distribution of fiscal year 1986 Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) grant funds.

The State Library estimates approximately $150,000 would be available if Congress and the Montana Legislature appropriate funds at near the 1985 level. $25,000 has already been designated by the State Library Commission for a federation project to address the improvement of collections of materials in remote locations. The FY 1986 LSCA funding period is October 1985 to September 1986 with an additional year possible if needed to complete projects.

When submitting your suggestions (in writing please) relate your correspondence to the vision statements or options in **A Choice of Futures, A Future of Choices.** Your suggestions should also be related to the purposes of LSCA:

o the extension and improvement of public library services in areas of the state which are without such services or in which such services are inadequate

o public library construction

o the improvement of such other library services as services for physically handicapped, institutionalized, or disadvantaged persons

o strengthening state library administrative agencies

o promoting interlibrary cooperation among all types of libraries

o strengthening major urban resource libraries.

The Council plans a general discussion of the objectives for FY86 LSCA funding at its January 24 meeting at 1:00PM at the State Library. The Long Range Planning Committee will use this discussion, correspondence received, and other considerations such as planning documents in formulating its recommendations.

In addition to writing, anyone wishing to be on the Council meeting agenda should contact the State Librarian's office at 444-3115.

Address your correspondence to: Long Range Planning Committee, Montana State Library, 1515 E. 6th Ave., Helena MT 59620.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION GROUP TO CONVENE

State Library Commission chair Henry McClernan will soon be appointing a working committee to develop a statewide long range plan for continuing education. He encourages anyone interested in serving on the committee to apply for membership.

The committee was established by the Commission at the request of the Montana Library Association and the State Library. It will bring together those who need and those who supply continuing education and training. The committee will work on providing a coordinated program for those who work in and with libraries.

The committee will be composed of: a member of the MLA Continuing Education Committee; a representative of post-secondary education; a representative of federations; a school administrator; representatives of academic, special and school libraries; a paraprofessional staff member of a library; and a member of the Montana Library Services Advisory Council. Resource persons from higher education, public instruction, school administrators, and the State Library will assist the group.

To express interest in serving on the committee or to recommend members, please write by March 1, 1985, to: Continuing Education Plan, Montana State Library, 1515 E. 6th Ave., Helena MT 59620.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Montana Library Services Advisory Council was approved by the Governor in May 1983 to exist until May 1985. Nominations for the next two years will be recommended by the Council to the State Library Commission.

The Council's nominating committee seeks names of persons to be considered for Council membership. It invites people to express interest or recommend the names of people to fill positions. Current members desiring reappointment will be included with the names presented to the Commission. The Governor approves appointments.

Six positions, one from each federation area, represent library users. Eligible are persons not currently on a board of trustees or working in a library.

Also represented on the Council are libraries of each type, special groups designated by the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) or served by the State Library, the Legislature, the Montana Library Association, and the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST).

In summary, positions on the Advisory Council represent:

- o library users of each federation area
- o local public libraries
- o school libraries
- o academic libraries
- o special libraries
- o institutional libraries

or services to the institutionalized

- o state agency libraries
- o disadvantaged persons
- o disabled persons
- o state employees
- o the Montana Legislature
- o WHCLIST
- o Montana Library Association (the current president)

The Council advises the Commission on the development and well-being of Montana libraries; represents the views and opinions of citizens, library users and libraries; gathers information and makes recommendations to the Commission and advises on LSCA.

Major activities in 1983-85 have included LSCA grants for Moncat, library construction, continuing education, institutional library service, and long-range planning. The Council meets quarterly. Terms are two years.

To recommend names or express interest, write: Council Nominating Committee, Montana State Library, 1515 E. 6th Ave., Helena MT 59620. Please indicate Council position or positions for each name. Submission by January 22 is desired.

**LARGE PRINT GRAB BAG:** Eleven librarians from eight communities took part in the large print give-away at the State Library December 5, 1984. In a two-hour mad-dash, they increased their own libraries' stocks of large print books by a total of 3000 volumes. The large print collection, at an estimated value of $24,000, was disseminated to public libraries because of the relatively little use it was receiving at the State Library. Recipient libraries have agreed to lend their large print holdings to other Montana libraries.

## COLOR YOUR WORLD

**Color Your World** is the theme of the slide show that has been developed by the Montana State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. JoAnne Popa, photographer, created a concept that would tell of the broad spectrum of services, materials and eligibility standards. The 15 minute slide show has also been developed into video cassette format. Staff from the Montana State Library will be available to do presentations for civic groups, associations and organizations. The Library will also loan the video cassette to interested individuals or groups. For more information, contact Sheena LaMere, 1-800-332-3400.

## IS IT TIME FOR ANOTHER WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE?

**A letter to the Montana library community from Karen Everett, White House Conference delegate.**

As the Montana delegate to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST), I would like to tell you about plans for a 1989 White House Conference and seek your opinion as to whether Montana should support such a proposal. The five years following the last White House Conference have been filled with library activity nationwide. But do we want to expend the time and money on a second White House Conference?

I doubt anyone would question the merits of the Montana Governor's Conference in 1978 which preceded the White House Conference. From that affair arose new lay support and it also provided a forum for professional leadership. Although we always need better financial support, the Governor's Conference was the stimulus we needed to get the coal tax allotment. I also believe the State Library and local libraries - public, school, academic, special - have drawn increased support and awareness from Conference participants and our resolutions.

I have heard the question raised, "Is it worth the expense?" I feel it is. At the national level we have seen LSCA allotments increase as well as funding restored for Title II (construction). During the last four years I feel the White House Conference presence has been vital to overcoming the "zeroing out" of library proposals by President Reagan's budgets.

The results of the White House Conference have reached beyond Congressional appropriations. Public awareness of libraries has been raised. And library groups are addressing the need for continuing education of librarians and lay people with more intensity. Services to the unserved and underserved have greater priority and focus now because of the 1979 Conference.

So I would conclude that the money spent on the White House Conference has come back to us in many ways. But could we have another Governor's Conference at our state's expense without the White House Conference? The answer is, of course, yes, with the help of generous legislators! Another Governor's Conference, with or without the White House Conference, would certainly generate new support for libraries in our state.

The year 1989 would be the **latest** date such a conference should be held. I see renewed support which we could get from another conference as vital - new ideas and new people to help Montana's library support grow. And we could do this alone, without a White House Conference. But the process of all states having conferences leading to a White House Conference carries the states' momentum to national levels. I feel our 1979 White House Conference was a success. Keeping that in mind, should we not seek a White House Conference with Governor's Conferences as a part of the larger process?

How would you answer the question, "Should we have another White House Conference?" Would you rather see only a Montana Governor's Conference? As the WHCLIST delegate from Montana I would like to represent your opinion. Please send your reaction to me, Karen Everett, 1530 Patricia, Billings MT 59102.

**(This is excerpted from a longer letter which you may obtain by writing the MSL News.)**

## LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

Here are two important phone numbers to jot down for use during the current legislative session. The number to call to find information on bills status, committee member names, and other legislative matters is 800-332-3408. This service is available from 7:30AM to 6PM Monday through Saturday. If you want to leave messages for your legislators, call 444-4800, also Monday through Saturday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The March **grant writing/ fund raising workshops** are just around the corner. You are reminded to look in the calendar insert in this issue of the **MSL NEWS** for workshop dates and locations. For more information contact Alene Cooper, State Library, 444-3115.

Another reminder regarding workshop dates: Some dates for the February **Moncat training workshops** have been changed. All libraries have received a mailing. See the calendar for the updated information. Contact Darlene Staffeldt, State Library, for more information - 444-3115.

**Important January dates:** The Advisory Council meets January 24 with the public hearing on State Library Administrative Rules scheduled that afternoon. Also don't miss the microcomputer workshop that day. On January 25 is the Montana Library Association Legislative Day in Helena - the legislative processes workshop plus an evening reception. See the Calendar in this issue of the **News** for more details. Also watch for Montana Library Association mailings.

## AROUND THE STATE

The **Lewis and Clark Library**, Helena, will install Montana's first public access catalog in early 1985. The Library has contracted with CLSI to replace its current automated circulation system with a state-of-the-art circulation and public access system. The data base will consist of full MARC records downloaded from the Washington Library Network.

The Library will have up to two weeks of "downtime" in January as hardware and data transfers are completed. Circulation functions will resume immediately and the public access catalog and public terminals will be available in May 1985.

For more information contact Jim Heckel or Deborah Schlesinger, Lewis and Clark Library, 442-2377.

The lobby of the **Bozeman Public Library** now graces a 270 square-foot hanging thanks to the efforts of **Shirley Luhrsen** and artist **Tracy Penfield.** Luhrsen donated $5,000 from memorials of her late mother Donna Markley. The artist created the 18-foot high hanging in about 600 hours.

Moncat grants to add holdings to the Washington Library Network data base are beginning to show results. After entering 4000 records, Kalispell High School librarian **Bob Hamill** says the library is beginning to receive loan requests from Billings, Bozeman and other libraries. **Inez Herrig**, Lincoln County Library Director, writes, "We are a lender! We have received so many hundreds of books from other libraries that we are delighted to reciprocate." Both libraries are part of Kalshares, a Moncat project involving 9 libraries in northwest Montana, administered by the Flathead County Library, John Burton, Director.

Nearly 80 school librarians attended three MLA **School Library Media Division** retreats this fall - at Fort Peck, the Izaak Walton Inn in Essex, and Buck's T-4 near Big Sky. Main topics of discussion were accreditation standards, Moncat, and microcomputer usage.

With the resignation of **Blanche Richardson** at the close of 1984, **Carol Waters** is the new library director of the Plains Public Library.

The new Acting Chief of Library Service for the Miles City Veterans Administration Hospital is **Liz Alme.**

**Mary West** has joined the State Library staff as the administration secretary.

**Parmly Billings Library Director Ellen Newberg** reports that the Library has worked with local, state, and federal officials to collect the forms, publications, and information most often needed by people who are setting up a new business. The material is housed in the Business Reference Section of the Library. You may obtain the **Selected List of Forms for Montanans Going Into Business** by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope and 50¢ (stamps OK) to Ellen Newberg, Parmly Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 59101.

The State Library is looking for librarians interested in doing **contract cataloging** of Montana state government publications. Knowledge of AACRII and MARC tagging is essential. Contact Darlene Staffeldt, State Library, for details.

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